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To amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part, to provide an exception to the local maintenance of effort requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2003

Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “IDEA Full-Funding
5 Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO IDEA.**

2 (a) FUNDING.—Section 611(j) of the Individuals with
3 Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411(j)) is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 “(j) FUNDING.—For the purpose of carrying out this
6 part, other than section 619, there are authorized to be
7 appropriated—

8 “(1) \$10,874,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, and,
9 there are hereby appropriated \$2,000,000,000 for
10 fiscal year 2004, which shall become available for
11 obligation on July 1, 2004 and shall remain avail-
12 able through September 30, 2005;

13 “(2) \$12,874,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, and,
14 there are hereby appropriated \$4,000,000,000 for
15 fiscal year 2005, which shall become available for
16 obligation on July 1, 2005 and shall remain avail-
17 able through September 30, 2006;

18 “(3) \$14,874,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and,
19 there are hereby appropriated \$6,000,000,000 for
20 fiscal year 2006, which shall become available for
21 obligation on July 1, 2006 and shall remain avail-
22 able through September 30, 2007;

23 “(4) \$16,874,000,000 for fiscal year 2007, and,
24 there are hereby appropriated \$8,000,000,000 for
25 fiscal year 2007, which shall become available for

1 obligation on July 1, 2007 and shall remain avail-
2 able through September 30, 2008;

3 “(5) \$18,874,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, and,
4 there are hereby appropriated \$10,000,000,000 for
5 fiscal year 2008, which shall become available for
6 obligation on July 1, 2008 and shall remain avail-
7 able through September 30, 2009;

8 “(6) \$20,874,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, and,
9 there are hereby appropriated \$12,000,000,000 for
10 fiscal year 2009, which shall become available for
11 obligation on July 1, 2009 and shall remain avail-
12 able through September 30, 2010;

13 “(7) \$22,874,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and,
14 there are hereby appropriated \$14,000,000,000 for
15 fiscal year 2010, which shall become available for
16 obligation on July 1, 2010 and shall remain avail-
17 able through September 30, 2011;

18 “(8) \$24,635,000,000 or the sum of the max-
19 imum amounts that all States may receive under
20 subsection (a)(2), whichever is lower, for fiscal year
21 2011, and, there are hereby appropriated
22 \$15,761,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, which shall
23 become available for obligation on July 1, 2011 and
24 shall remain available through September 30, 2012,
25 except that if the sum of the maximum amounts

1 that all States may receive under subsection (a)(2)
2 is less than \$24,635,000,000, then the amount ap-
3 propriated in this paragraph shall be reduced by the
4 difference between \$24,635,000,000 and the sum of
5 the maximum amounts that all States may receive
6 under subsection (a)(2);

7 “(9) \$25,329,000,000 or the sum of the max-
8 imum amounts that all States may receive under
9 subsection (a)(2), whichever is lower, for fiscal year
10 2012, and, there are hereby appropriated
11 \$16,455,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, which shall
12 become available for obligation on July 1, 2012 and
13 shall remain available through September 30, 2013,
14 except that if the sum of the maximum amounts
15 that all States may receive under subsection (a)(2)
16 is less than \$25,329,000,000, then the amount ap-
17 propriated in this paragraph shall be reduced by the
18 difference between \$25,329,000,000 and the sum of
19 the maximum amounts that all States may receive
20 under subsection (a)(2);

21 “(10) \$26,005,000,000 or the sum of the max-
22 imum amounts that all States may receive under
23 subsection (a)(2), whichever is lower, for fiscal year
24 2013, and, there are hereby appropriated
25 \$17,131,000,000 for fiscal year 2013, which shall

1 become available for obligation on July 1, 2013 and
 2 shall remain available through September 30, 2014,
 3 except that if the sum of the maximum amounts
 4 that all States may receive under subsection (a)(2)
 5 is less than \$26,005,000,000, then the amount ap-
 6 propriated in this paragraph shall be reduced by the
 7 difference between \$26,005,000,000 and the sum of
 8 the maximum amounts that all States may receive
 9 under subsection (a)(2); and

10 “(11) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
 11 year 2014 and each succeeding fiscal year.”.

12 (b) EXCEPTION TO THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE OF
 13 EFFORT REQUIREMENTS.—Section 613(a)(2)(B) of the
 14 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.
 15 1413(a)(2)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the
 17 restriction in subparagraph (A)(iii), a local edu-
 18 cational agency may reduce the level of expendi-
 19 tures, for 1 fiscal year at a time, if—

20 “(i) the State educational agency de-
 21 termines, and the Secretary agrees, that
 22 the local educational agency is in compli-
 23 ance with the requirements of this part
 24 during that fiscal year (or, if appropriate,
 25 the preceding fiscal year); and

1 “(ii) such reduction is—

2 “(I) attributable to the voluntary
3 departure, by retirement or otherwise,
4 or departure for just cause, of special
5 education personnel;

6 “(II) attributable to a decrease in
7 the enrollment of children with dis-
8 abilities;

9 “(III) attributable to the termi-
10 nation of the obligation of the agency,
11 consistent with this part, to provide a
12 program of special education to a par-
13 ticular child with a disability that is
14 an exceptionally costly program, as
15 determined by the State educational
16 agency, because the child—

17 “(aa) has left the jurisdic-
18 tion of the agency;

19 “(bb) has reached the age at
20 which the obligation of the agen-
21 cy to provide a free appropriate
22 public education to the child has
23 terminated; or

24 “(cc) no longer needs such
25 program of special education;

1 “(IV) attributable to the termi-
 2 nation of costly expenditures for long-
 3 term purchases, such as the acquisi-
 4 tion of equipment or the construction
 5 of school facilities; or

6 “(V) equivalent to the amount of
 7 Federal funding the local educational
 8 agency receives under this part for a
 9 fiscal year that exceeds the amount
 10 the agency received under this part
 11 for the preceding fiscal year, but only
 12 if these reduced funds are used for
 13 any activity that may be funded under
 14 the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
 15 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301
 16 et seq.).”.

17 (c) REPEAL.—Section 613(a)(2) of the Individuals
 18 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1413(a)(2)) is
 19 further amended—

20 (1) by striking subparagraph (C);

21 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
 22 paragraph (C); and

23 (3) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking “para-
 24 graphs (B) and (C)” and inserting “paragraph (B)”.

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